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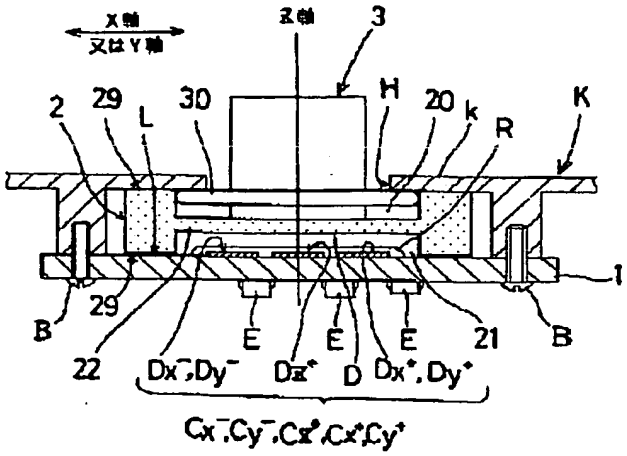

ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain an electrostatic force sensor which reduces troublesome assembling operation, is easily made waterproof and dust-proof without increasing the number of components and has high sensitivity as a sensor.

SOLUTION: The sensor is equipped with a substrate 1 where fixed electrode groups Dx+ and Dx-, and Dy+ and Dy-, and Dz+ are formed, a movable electrode plate 2 which is formed of elastomer on the whole and also formed of conductive elastomer at least opposite the fixed electrode groups, and a hard operation part 3 which is formed in the same or a different body with or from the movable electrode plate 2 and can transmit a force to the movable electrode plate 2; and variable electrostatic capacity parts Cx+ and Cx-, Cy+ and Cy-, and Cz+ are formed of the fixed electrode groups and movable electrode plate 2.

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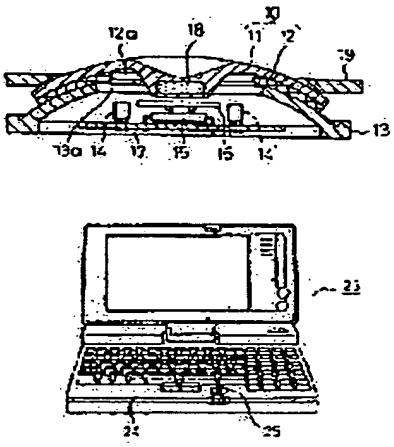
(54) POINTING CONTROLLER

(57)Abstract:
PURPOSE: To improve the operability by providing a pointing device, which operates a pointer on a display device, with a planar slider which can be slid in an arbitrary direction relatively to a supporting body and detecting the amount of movement of this slider and moving the pointer based on the detection result.
CONSTITUTION: A pointing controller 25 is provided on a keyboard 24 and operated with fingers. A slider 10 consists of an elastic member 11 and a domic member 12 having a hole 12a in the center. A housing 13 freely slidably supports the slider 10. The slider 10 is provided with a permanent magnet 18. Magneto- resistance elements 14 and 14' and a switch 15 are mounted on a printed board 17. When the permanent magnet 18 is moved in accordance with the movement of the slider 10, magneto- resistance elements 14 and 14' detect the change of a magnetic flux. Thus, displacements in X and Y directions of the slider 10 are detected. The pointer on the display device is moved by the acceleration control of the amount of the variation at this time.



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